

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5 at line 5 with the paragraph shown below.

AM 18 and AC 20 communicate with a wireless handset 22 via Base Station (BS) 24. BS 24 typically consists of a transceiver (not shown) and an antenna (not shown) for enabling communications to and from the wireless handset 22. Furthermore, AC 20 is coupled to the wireline network via wireline interfaces ~~28~~ 26. Wireline interface ~~28~~ 26 is a digital loop carrier system interface which conforms to the TR-NWT-000303 technical requirements for digital loop carrier systems published by Bell Communications Research. Each of the ACs 20 ~~18~~ may be coupled to one or more switches via wireline interface ~~28~~ 26. In addition, each of the ACs ~~18~~ 20 also has a plurality of ports (not shown) that provide access to the multiple switches 12.